

## News of Horses and Horsemen

**BY W. J. CARTER (BROAD ROCK).**  
Though occurring during the last year, I have only recently been advised of the death of Blondette and Winnie D., two of North Carolina's best known broodmares. They were owned by Colonel E. K. Terry, of Spray, N. C., who obtained them from L. Banks Holt, of Graham. Winnie D. was a black mare, full sister to Whitby, 2:18 1/4, the sire of Angelus, 2:12 1/4, a grand circuit winner of other years. She was foaled in 1855, and bred by the late Charles P. Stokes, of Richmond. Her sire was Hannis, 2:17 3/4, and her dam was Maud L., the well finished, handsome black daughter of the Morgan horse, Black Hawk Bellipse. While owned by Mr. Stokes, she was bred to Quatermaster, 2:11 1/4, in 1891, and the following spring dropped her first foal, the brown gelding Hulan, who showed phenomenal speed in the hands of Richard Curtis, of Lexington, Ky., as a three-year-old, and over the half-mile track at Norfolk, in a winning race of seven heats trotted to a record of 2:50, which was reduced to 2:18 1/4 five years later at the Providence Grand Circuit meeting, while still later the little brown gelding achieved championship honors at the Dorchester, Mass., matinees.

In 1893 the comely black daughter of Hannis threw the double-gaited performer, Ginter, record, 2:18 3/4, trotting, and 2:24 1/4, pacing. Ginter, like his full brother Hulan, carried a coat of rich brown, and while quite small showed a lot of finish. After Ginter came Mayo, 2:23 1/4, by Ropes, son of Guy Wilkes, 2:15 1/4, while by John R. Gentry, 2:09 1/2, two seasons later, arrived the handsome pony pacer, Gilles Melane, 2:16 3/4. Then Winnie D. passed. A Alliance Farm, and bred by Mr. Holt to Gregorian, 2:28 3/4, she threw another pacer in Buddy C., the fifth of her sons to attain standard rank by performance, and there are others likely to follow, including the six-year-old chestnut stallion and the promising four-year-old filly, Lilly C., both by Gregorian. Lilly C. is owned by Colonel Terry, who had her worked some for speed last season by T. M. Arrasmith, of Greensboro, for whom the daughter of Gregorian trotted miles around 2:30, with quarters better than thirty-five seconds.

### Death of Blondette, the Dam of Governor Holt, 2:15.

Blondette was a bay mare, foaled 1899, by Leland, 1:50, out of Minnie, dam of Minnie, 2:15 1/4, by Kentucky Prince, second dam Minnie, by Hambletonian, 10. She was stout of build, rather long and low, with a plain head—in fact, the coarseness of Blondette formed a contrast to the good looks of her stable companion, Winnie D., whose neat head, of cameo-like fineness, neck, body and limbs, even suggested the beauty and finish of the Morgan family.

Blondette was bred at historic Story Ford Farm, in Orange county, New York, and later passed to W. P. Batchelor, of Raleigh, N. C., who then owned the great race-horse Pamlico, 2:10, to whom the daughter of Leland was bred in the spring of 1892. She was raced during the latter part of that season, with foal trotting trials around 2:25, though she did not win. After this the bay mare was retired to the stud, and in 1893 foaled a bay colt that was registered under the name of Governor Holt, who was probably the best of Pamlico's get, as he came to his speed early and trained on to a record of 2:15 at five years old in Grand Circuit company. Later, however, when gelded, glory came to Blondette's fastest son as a fun horse, for when driven to pole with different horses as mates Governor Holt made history at the New York Driving Club's matinees and on the Harlem River Speedway. On being transferred to Mr. Holt, Blondette was mated with John R. Gentry, 2:01 1/2, and produced Eliza Ingram, 2:21 1/4, while by other sires she also dropped foals, but none with seemingly much promise. For speed the coarseness of Blondette was transmitted to her produce, as Governor Holt, though by Pamlico, a Beau Brummel in style and action, lacked much of being handsome, while Eliza Ingram, though by the elegant Virginia-Caroline and Georgia circuit, and in the Virginia State Fair early closing purses.

Dr. T. L. Stackhouse, of Marion, S. C., who at different times during the



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past fifteen years or more has been seen on the half-mile tracks of the East with trotters and pacers good enough to win their classes, expects to be out again this season with Lucius Todd, 2:14 1/4, by Actonward, out of May, by Tennessee winner, Ray Egwood, 2:25 1/4, chestnut horse, by Egwood, 2:18 1/2, dam Ethel Ray, 2:11 1/4, by Bonnie McGregor, and a very promising green trotter in the bay mare, four years old, by Election, dam Lena Vincent, 2:14 1/4, by St. Vincent, son of Wilkes Boy, Lucius Todd has been jogged all the winter over the smooth roads around Marion, and is in fine condition. He was a good horse last season, as starting without a record, he won some good races along the Virginia-Caroline and Georgia circuit, and a fast mile track could have shaded his present record some three or four seconds quite handsly. His dam, Mary C., produced the ill-fated Kruger, 2:04 1/4, and Lucius Todd, if he keeps right, should place her in the list of broodmares credited with two or more 2:10 pacers.

Ray Egwood is a chestnut stallion, nine years old, that started out last season green and trotted to his record. He, like Lucius Todd, has been jogged regularly during the winter and should be made a pretty fair horse in his class this season. Lucius Todd and another pacer, a green horse, recently added to the stable, will be entered in some of the early closing purses to which they are eligible along the Virginia-Caroline and Georgia circuit, and in the Virginia State Fair early closing purses.

### Sam Earing's Stable.

The trotters and pacers in Samuel E. Earing's stable, at Montezuma Farm, have all wintered in fine shape, and are now being jogged on the road. For years past Earing's campaigns over the half-mile tracks of the East have been quite successful, and being a careful man with his horses, he is also able to take care of the financial side and usually ends the season with his bank account in fair shape at least. As an illustration of Earing's thrift, mention is made of the fact that during the winter he looks after the turkeys, leading from Richmond past Montezuma Farm and extending for miles down into the county, while with the opening of spring his training operations begin preparatory to the campaign that begins with the early meeting around Richmond and the turkeys the bell taps for the last time on the Virginia and North Carolina meetings.

Among the horses now in Earing's stable are Estuary, 2:15 1/4, who is now twelve years old, and seemingly in better form than ever, though at that he was a pretty fair horse in Earing's hands last season and paid his way. Montague, 2:15 1/4, the pony pacer, by Sidney Prince; William K., 2:19 1/4, the bay gelding by Baron Dillon, 2:12, that will be well entered in the early closing courses; Richard Powell, 2:31 1/4; Grace W., 2:30 1/4, by Victor, the son of Jay Bird; Nettie May, 2:21 1/4, who won several races of broken heats last season and came home in good condition. The daughter of Sidney Prince will be staked this season. In addition to these there are some green horses in the stable that should be good enough to pay their way during the season's campaign.

### Hal Brought to Virginia.

A. S. Hughes, of Capahosic, Gloucester county, Va., has purchased of John W. Alexander, of Lynnhill, Tenn., the bay colt Hal T., two years old, by Brown Hal, Jr., 2:10 1/4, dam Katie by Hal Buford, second dam Miss, by Bettler Brooke, 2:33 1/2, third dam Lou Hal, by Tom Hal, the sire of the dam of Direct Hal, 2:04 1/2, etc. For years past Mr. Hughes has been one of the best-known breeders of harness horses in Gloucester county, and during that time some good ones have been sent out from his farm, but Hal T. is regarded as the highest class yet owned on the place.

### Lynda Hal Has New Home, Too.

Another son of the Brown Hal family to find a new home in Virginia is the two-year-old filly, Lynda Hal, recently sold by Mr. Alexander to Dr. W. B. Maqua, of Radford, Va., who is well pleased with her. Lynda Hal was bred by Brown Hal, Jr., 2:10 1/4, dam Ella N., dam of Ella S., 2:20. This filly is double-gaited now, but she seems to prefer the pace, and Dr. Maqua will take her when she learns to go at that gait. She has fine action, along with good looks, and eventually will be placed in the breeding ranks.

### Seaton Opens Easter.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, Va., March 20.—The directors of the Lynchburg Boat Club have decided to open the 1909 season on Easter Monday. This is one of the most popular social organizations of the city, and its boat house on the James River is a rendezvous for many persons during the warm months.

## HUGH McINTOSH MEANS BUSINESS

**Fight Promoter Earnestly Seeks to Secure the Jeffries-Johnson Bout.**

**BY JEFF THOMPSON.**  
NEW YORK, March 20.—Hugh McIntosh is here and he means business. His prime object is to make a match between Jeffries and Johnson for the heavyweight championship, and for this he is willing to put up \$50,000 of real cash. Incidentally Mr. McIntosh expects to pay at least part of his expenses by disposing of the moving picture films of the Johnson-Burns fight for the United States.

Mr. McIntosh agrees with Jeffries on the proposition that there should be no fight unless the big brawler can get himself in first-class trim. The Australian has a high opinion of the Texas dandy. He says: "There is no man in the world, in my opinion, who can beat the negro unless he is in the best physical trim." This is altogether probable. I have never been strong for the dingo, but the manner in which he disposed of Burns indicates that he will not do so fool with.

There has been much criticism of Jeffries because he will not say whether or not he will fight the big negro, Jeffries is wise. He says: "If I fight Johnson I will whip him." The only reason why Jeffries is out of his five-year retirement is that the title is held by a negro. Jeff is past the age when a prize fighter is in his prime. Many experts are doubtful if a man of Jeffries' temperament and age can train on after he has been out of training for so long. It would be, under the circumstances, foolish for Jeffries to take any definite action unless he is practically certain he can go in the ring perfectly fit to fight. He is going to work now to find out, and when he has found out we will all know what he intends to do. No one has any doubt of the result if Jeffries in fighting trim mixes it with Johnson. The negro simply will not be in it.

Either Joe Gans is all in or he faked the fight with Jabez White. Gans' behavior made a pitiable spectacle of himself in the recent fight here. As a matter of fact, Gans had him out at least twice, and if he had been his old self would have had the Englishman beaten beyond the aid of complaint ring officials in the second round. Battling Nelson saw the fight, and it was understood he intended to back the winner. After the fight, however, the Battler said: "Nothing doing. Either of those guys would be so easy the public wouldn't stand for it."

Word comes by way of England that another pair of ancient warriors are to hook up in New York before long. They are Jimmie Britt and Young Corbett. Each of these former champions has made a claim to be the best in the world to put up a good fight. We'll see.

Britt, by the way, is not at all satisfied with the decision against him in prize fight with the Americans who saw the fight. He is of the opinion that Jimmy was up against an open and shut proposition. While awaiting details of the Corbett fight, Britt has issued a challenge to Summers, defeating \$200 as evidence of good faith. Britt says: "Summers and I agreed to each other to our credit, and I hope Summers will show the same eagerness to afford me a return match as I showed in offering him one, and trust English papers which urged me to re-fight Summers will now urge him. I'm not satisfied I was beaten, after seeing the pictures. I'm even less satisfied with the decision. I want another chance at Summers, twenty rounds for the biggest purse. I'm convinced I'll wipe out my defeat."

I like the looks of this young fellow Ketchell. He looks like a fighter, and if he can withstand the temptation of Broadway I like his guess if he does not give the biggest of them an argument for the championship. I have watched him in prize fight, and he has a punch like the kick of a mule, is one of the speediest fighters I have ever seen, and unless appearances deceive, he has courage to spare. He is young yet, and when he gets his growth at a fighting weight of something like 180 or better he will be a mighty dangerous man.

Billy Delaney has brought Al Kaufman in our midst with the avowed purpose of forcing Delaney to fight Delaney and Kaufman should ponder the story of the eagle and woodpecker. The story goes that an eagle perched on the limb of a tree in which the woodpecker had his nest. The woodpecker resented the intrusion and abused the eagle, scolding him and denouncing him as a coward. A little later the woodpecker tumbled into his nest bloody and gasping. "Well," he said, "I'm even less satisfied with the decision. I want another chance at Summers, twenty rounds for the biggest purse. I'm convinced I'll wipe out my defeat."

Packey McFadden is to fight Leach Cross at the Fairmount Club on March 25. McFadden is in fine condition. He declares that he can make 135 pounds without any trouble, and he is willing to make a match with any one at that weight. The battle with Cross will be at 135 pounds at 8 o'clock.

"I don't care to make 125 for every fight, although I can do it if necessary," said Packey. "The 135 pounds for the Cross bout suits me exactly. I don't weigh a pound more to-day than I did two years ago, despite what you hear people say about my getting heavier all the time."

Jack Johnson, according to advice from the West, has a finely developed case of "big head," and is making himself queerly objectionable.

Joe Gans and George Dixon never presumed on their championships. In consequence they gained friends wherever they appeared. Johnson seems to be of an entirely different stripe. Those who applauded his victory are already wishing that Burns had won that famous Sydney fight. Now they are hoping for the appearance of a good, big white man of any nationality to teach Jack Johnson his place.

Jim Barry, the Chicago heavyweight, did not sail for Paris as he intended. He changed his mind as soon as he learned that Al Kaufman had arrived here for bouts.

Barry has asked for a return battle with Kaufman, but Delaney gives him no encouragement, stating that he intends to match Kaufman with men that he has not beaten.

Friends of the late George Siler, referee and sporting editor, who died last summer, have decided to start a fund for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument over his grave in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

John Hertz, with whom the idea originated, has headed the subscription list with a donation of \$100, and it is expected his initiative will be followed by many who wish to pay tribute to the memory of Mr. Siler.

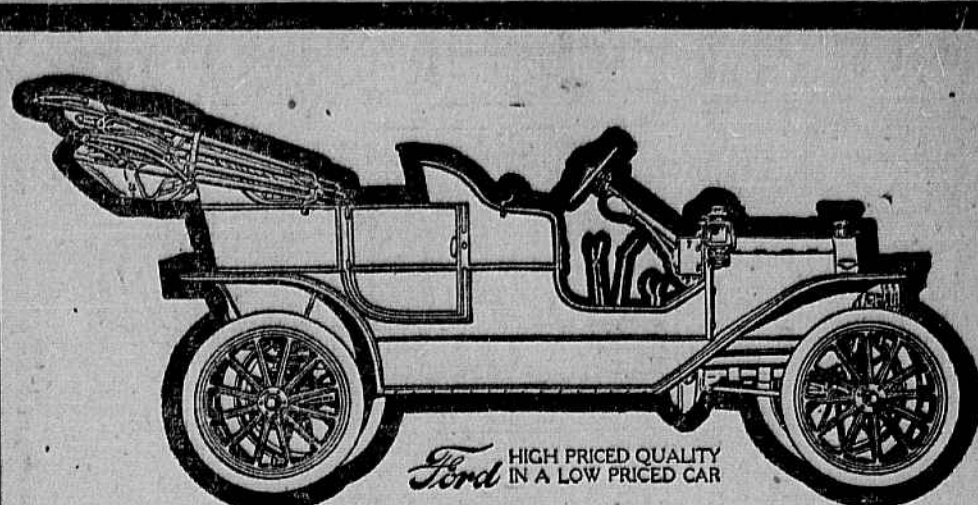
Jack Mason has challenged Johnny Summers to a ten-round game here. Sam wants to know what they draw, what kind of fighting they like, and all about it. You can just about tab big Sam for a fuss the minute he feels he is in any sort of shape. Sam would be a bear in ten rounds of the fight with Kaufman at San Francisco. He made a brilliant showing against Delaney's fine big sub in the early rounds, and it wasn't until Sam blew up that Al was

able to find his jaw with a knockout punch.

GEORGE HACKENSCHMIDT, AN ADMIRER OF GOLF

Because of his great physical strength it was thought that when Hackenschmidt, the wrestler, took up golf he would make a terrible driver, and he probably would, but for the fact that he cannot be induced to take his grip on the club after the style which is considered orthodox.

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